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AN ORDINANCE
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AN ORDINANCE TO PLACE INTERIM CONTROLS ON THE PERMITTING OF PERSONAL CARE HOMES UNTIL JANAURY 30, 2004 SO THAT THE BUREAU OF PLANNING MAY COMPLETE THE UPDATE OF ITS PROCEDURES FOR PROCESSING SUCH PERMITS; TO PROVIDE TIME OF THE ADOPTION OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE UPDATING DEFINITIONS AND TERMS RELATED TO PERSONAL CARE FACILITIES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the Personal Care Home Map used by the Bureau of Planning to determine if an application for a Personal Care Home meets the distance requirements requires the updating of certain information; and

WHEREAS, the current overwhelming daily volume of applications for Personal Care Homes does not allow for the time that is needed by the Bureau of Planning to update this map and the other procedures used by it in processing these applications; and

WHEREAS, approximately 50 Personal Care Homes have had their licenses revoked by the Georgia Department of Human Resources and time is needed to petition the City Council to have the Special Use Permits for these Personal Care Homes revoked; and

WHEREAS, coordination of these efforts with the Mayor's Commission on Homelessness is desirable; and

WHEREAS, time is needed for the City to reassess terms and definitions associated with Personal Care Homes in an effort to become more consistent with local, state and county governments and to adopt legislation for that purpose; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance 03-O-0060, which placed interim controls on the processing of applications for Personal Care Homes to accomplish these purposes expired by its terms on August 12, 2003.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That interim controls on the acceptance of applications for the operation of Personal Care Homes in the City be and remain in effect until January 30, 2004 to allow the Bureau of Planning time to update its Personal Home Care Map and the procedures on processing such applications and to allow for the adoption of an amendment to the zoning ordinance updating the terms and definitions associated with Personal Care Homes.

Section 2. That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance shall be repealed.